

Question 8: Pesticide Use Worksheets

Reference:

Applying Pesticides Correctly - A Guide for Private and Commercial Applicators

Unit 7: Personal Protective Equipment, Pages 5 through 8

Pesticide Exposure

The skin is the part of your body that usually gets the most exposure while handling pesticides. Pesticide handlers get by far the most pesticide on their hands and forearms. As a result, people who handle pesticide formulations should wear chemical resistant gloves to protect their hands and forearms.

Personal protective equipment (PPE) protects the handler only if the pesticide remains on the outside of the material. Once the pesticide is trapped between PPE and the skin, the protective materials works against the applicator.

Any time a person works with pesticides, the minimum PPE is a long-sleeved shirt and long-legged pants, and shoes with socks. In many instances the pesticide labeling will require handlers and applicators to wear additional PPE.